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### **Part 1–43: Measurement methods and test procedures – Numerical aperture measurement**

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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- expansion of the scope to include A1, A2, A3 and A4 multimode fibre categories;
- addition of measurement parameters of sample length and threshold values, product specific to the variables that are now found in the product specifications;
- a new Annex B entitled "Product specific default values for NA measurement";
- addition of a new Technique 4 for measuring NA of A4d fibres;

- a new Annex A entitled "Mapping NA measurement to alternative lengths" that gives a mapping function to correlate shorter sample length measurements to the length suggested in the reference test method  $N_{a_{ff}}$ .

This International Standard is to be used in conjunction with IEC 60793-1-1, IEC 60793-1-21 and IEC 60793-1-22.

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## OPTICAL FIBRES –

### Part 1–43: Measurement methods and test procedures – Numerical aperture measurement

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60793 establishes uniform requirements for measuring the numerical aperture of optical fibre, thereby assisting in the inspection of fibres and cables for commercial purposes.

The numerical aperture (NA) of categories A1, A2, A3 and A4 multimode fibre is an important parameter that describes a fibre's light-gathering ability. It is used to predict launching efficiency, joint loss at splices, and micro/macrobending performance.

The numerical aperture is defined by measuring the far-field pattern ( $NA_{ff}$ ). In some cases the theoretical numerical aperture ( $NA_{th}$ ) is used in the literature, which can be determined from measuring the difference in refractive indexes between the core and cladding. Ideally these two methods should produce the same value.

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